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1. BOTH LABOR MINISTRY AND MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) SOURCES HAVE MENTIONED TO LABOR ATTACHE THAT MATERIAL ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WAS SENT TO ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL LAST WEEK. FOR MOST PART MATERIAL CONSISTED OF ANNUAL REPORTS (IN ENGLISH) PREPARED BY IDF MILITARY GOVERNMENT ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, ETC. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL IS BEING COLLECTED AND WILL BE SENT SOON.

2. MFA FOURSE (BAR YAACOV) SAID THAT REQUEST FOR MATERIAL WAS DELIVERED VERBALLY BY DG TO ISRAELI REP IN GENEVA. IN FORWARDING MATERIAL IN COVERING LETTER, GOI CLEARLY STATED THAT MATERIAL WAS BEING SENT IN SUPPORT OF ISRAELI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL ILO SURVEY OF ARAB EMPLOYMENT TO BE DONE BY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DG. IN SO STATING, IT WAS INTENTION OF GOI NOT TO APPEAR TO BE RESPONDING TO ANY ACTION FLOWING FROM ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION PASSED AT 1974 ILO CONFERENCE, BUT RATHER ACTING AT OWN INITIATIVE IN CONNECTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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GOI REQUEST FOR ILO STUDY. (WITH RESPECT TO LETTER RECEIVED SOME MONTHS AGO FROM DG FORWARDING COPY OF ILO RESOLUTION AND MATERIAL ON TRADE UNION RIGHTS FOR DISTRIBUTION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, GOI REPORTEDLY DID NOT OFFICIALLY

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF LETTER.)

3. MFA SOURCE SAID GOI ALSO NOW PREPARING REPLY TO DG'S LETTERS FORWARDING COMPLAINT FROM LEBANESE EMPLOYER REP TO ILO AND MEMBER GOVERNING BODY (GB). IN ADDITION TO COPY OF STATEMENT MADE BY LEBANESE REP AT MARCH GB MEETING CONCERNING ALLEGED ISRAELI LABOR PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, DG'S LETTER ALSO FORWARDED LIST OF ARABS FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WHO LEBANESE CLAIMED WERE ARRESTED FOR TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION TO COMMENTING ON GENERAL ALLEGATIONS, GOI ALSO IS CHECKING OUT THE STATUS OF PERSONS CITED AS ARRESTED FOR TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES.

4. COMMENT: GOI APPARENTLY INTERESTED IN COOPERATING WITH DG IN EFFORT TO DEFUSE ARAB EFFORT TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM ILO SHORT OF APPEARING TO COMPLY OFFICIALLY WITH ANY FORMAL REQUEST BASED ON 1974 ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION.

EXPULSION ISSUE SEEMS MORE WORRISOME TO ISRAELIS THAN PLO APPLICATION FOR OBSERVER STATUS. ISRAELIS LOOKING FORWARD TO PROPOSED VISIT OF AFL-CIO DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPT ERNIE LEE TO ISRAEL. ISRAELIS MOST LIKELY WILL URGE SAME AFL-CIO ACTION ON EXPULSION OR OTHER SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL IN ILO AS INDICATED BY AFL-CIO POSITION IN CASE PLO RECEIVING OBSERVER STATUS (I.E. REASSESSMENT OF CONTINUED US PARTICIPATION IN ILO).

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